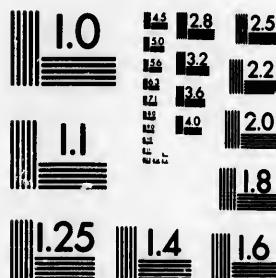
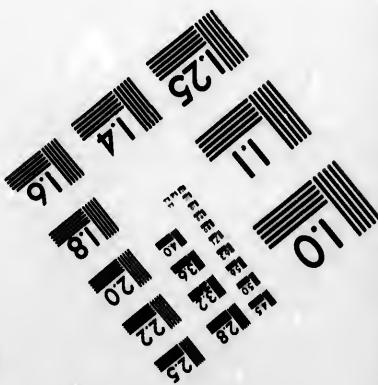
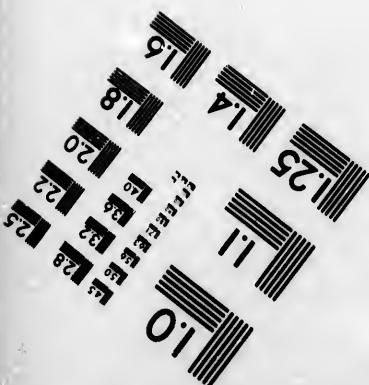


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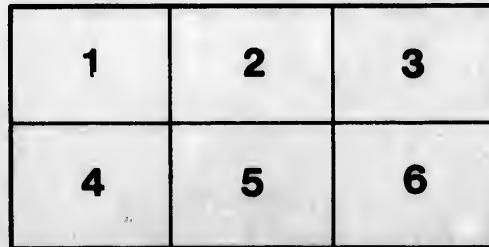
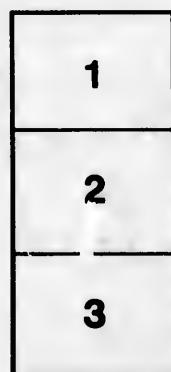
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On February 19th, 1864, in the city of Washington, the Order of the Knights of Pythias first saw the light, and Washington Lodge was the appropriate name of the pioneer lodge, which, however, lived but eighteen months. On April 8th, a Grand Lodge was formed, but it disappeared along with Washington Lodge. In the meantime, however, April 12th, another Lodge, Franklin Lodge No. 2 had been instituted, and it is to this Lodge the credit is due of having saved the Order from being reckoned from among the annals of the past; for, although five lodges had been formed, including one in Virginia, within a twelvemonth of the ushering in of the Order, yet in August, 1865, only one Lodge existed, and that was Franklin Lodge No. 2. On April 2, 1866, two years after the starting of Franklin Lodge, Mount Vernon Lodge was instituted with fifteen members; from that time until the present the Brotherhood has gone on prospering, and now its muster-roll shows *One Hundred Thousand Knights*. Eight years after, the Order of the Knights of Pythias was introduced into Ontario, 22nd February, 1872, and eight months after it had crossed the border, eight Subordinate Lodges and one Grand Lodge had been formed, and Pythian Friendship had taken, at one bound, such a firm hold in Canada, that it now bids fair to flourish for many generations yet to come, and, it is fondly hoped, forever.

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That secret societies are a benefit to mankind is now beyond all dispute. That covenants have existed almost since the world began is so evident to students of biblical lore, that it is unnecessary to enter into a defense of what all cheerfully admit. When a society has for its objects the promotion of good fellowship, the spread of brotherly love, the befriending of widows and orphans, who can lift up his voice against it, and say that its foundation is not resting on the solid rocks of christianity? The Knights of Pythias do not seek the fellowship of infidels—no, they seek to bind by an indissoluble tie, all believers in the one true God, in one vast bond of peace, love and true charity. Founded in the time of war, it flourishes in times of peace only to help those who in fighting life's battles are obliged to succumb to a will stronger than their own. Where would the suicidio be found, could every man when adversity pushes him hard, but look around him and reckon his friends through the medium of Pythian Friendship—sworn friends—by hundreds and by thousands.

Friendship, say some, will flourish in all ages without the help of mystic ties: true, but then it will be the friendship of individuals, not one grand universal friendship, such as it is the object of the Knights of Pythias to establish. The stranger is cast upon our shores, sick and wearied, cared for by none, known by none, but if he be a Knight of Pythias, then the strong hand of fellowship, of brotherly love is held out to him, and he who is thought worthy by our brothers to be their trusty fellow Knight—no matter how great the distance over which he has travelled—is gladly welcomed with open arms and smiling faces. He is not a

stranger, he has true and tried friends innumerable. A brother dies, his wife, his children are mourning his loss, they are in despair—no, comfort is at hand; starvation stares them in the face—but, there are friends at hand. But who are they? none but his sworn brothers, his children are their children, his wife is their dear sister. Such are the first elements of Pythian Friendship.

We ask none to join our Order, without first examining its principles, and convincing themselves that its objects are good, that it in no way conflicts with their religious or political freedom, and that its very existence rests upon the purity and integrity of its members. If they can find anything in antagonism in our Constitution to their moral or heaven-born tendencies, let them leave us alone—we do not wish for any but those who are willing to join heartily, hand in hand, with us for the great and glorious objects we have in view—namely, the spread of brotherly love, and the inculcation of true charity.

The romantic story of Damon and Pythias is too well known to need repetition here.

Brethren, let us not only in name call ourselves Knights of Pythias, but let us show the world by our actions that there are those who can learn such a lesson from the beautiful romance surrounding the names of Damon and Pythias, that must convince all that THERE BE SOULS WHOM FRIENDSHIP AND HONOR CAN BIND!

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ARTICLE I.

**Composition, Name and Powers.**

This Lodge shall consist of not less than seven members having the requisite qualifications for its elective officers, and be styled and known as

possessing the powers and privileges of a Subordinate Lodge within the jurisdiction of "THE GRAND LODGE OF THE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS OF ONTARIO," under whose authority it exists, by virtue of a Charter duly granted while acting in conformity with the laws, rules and regulations of the said Grand Lodge, and those of the Supreme Lodge.

ARTICLE II.

**Time and Place of Meeting.**

SEC. I.—The stated meetings of the Lodge shall be held every week (unless by permission of

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the G. C.), at the place and on the day appointed with the approval of the Grand Lodge, and shall not be changed without such approval. The hour of meeting shall be prescribed by the By-Laws.

**Opening, Quorums, etc.**

SEC. 2.—The Lodge shall be opened at the time prescribed if seven members of the Knight's rank, of good standing, belonging to the Lodge, are present, but not less than that number shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the general business of the Lodge, and in the absence of the C. C. and V. C., the senior P. C. present shall take the chair; but if no P. C. be present, any member in good standing, having the Knight's rank, may be chosen to preside by the majority of the members present, and all the business, except conferring the Page or Esquire rank, shall be transacted when open in the Knight's rank; and if seven members only be present no appropriations of money shall be made, unless it be by unanimous consent.

**Closed Not to be Re-Opened.**

SEC. 3.—When a meeting of the Lodge has been closed, it shall not be re-opened, except with unanimous consent, and if any member has left the room subsequent to the closing, it shall not be re-opened.

**Number of Votes or Ballots to Decide.**

SEC. 4.—On the demand of a brother all members shall be required to vote to determine any election, motion, or question before the Lodge,

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but the majority of the valid votes cast shall decide all elections, motions, or questions not otherwise provided for, except such as affect the By-Laws, involve an appropriation or expenditure of money, remove an officer, re-instate, restore, fine, or suspend a member, to determine any of which shall require the concurrence of two-thirds of the valid votes cast.

### ARTICLE III.

#### Officers.

SEC. 1.—The officers of a Lodge shall consist of Chancellor Commander, Vice-Chancellor, Prelate, Master of Exchequer, Master of Finance, Keeper of Records and Seal, and Master-at-Arms, who shall be elected semi-annually, by separate ballots, at the last stated meeting in the months of June and December, and the Inner and Outer Guards, who shall be appointed on the night of installation by the C. C., to serve for six months, or for balance of term in which appointed. The retiring C. C. shall assume the station of P. C.

#### Representatives.

SEC. 2.—There shall be elected annually, at the last stated meeting in December, three Past Chancellors, as representatives of the Lodge to the Grand Lodge, to serve for one year, or until their successors are elected.

#### Lodge Trustees.

SEC. 3.—The Lodge shall elect, semi-annually, three Trustees, termed Lodge Trustees, in such manner that one shall retire from office who

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is then completing his third term, except in the case of a new Lodge, when one shall be elected for six, one for twelve, and one for eighteen months.

#### Hall Trustees.

SEC. 4.—The Lodge may also elect a Hall Trustee, whose term of office shall not be less than one year, and whose duties shall be prescribed in the By-Laws.

#### Physician.

SEC. 5.—The Lodge may also provide, by its By-Laws, for the election of a Physician.

NOTE.—All Officers, whose election is not specially provided for, shall be elected in the same manner as the regular officers of the Lodge.

#### Qualifications for Office.

SEC. 6.—All officers shall be members of the Knight's rank, and of good standing in the Lodge; but to qualify a member for the office of V. C. he shall have been legally elected to and served one term either as P., M. of E., M. of F., K. of R. & S., M. at A., I. or O. G.; and for the office of C. C. a member must have been legally elected to and served a term as V.C.

#### Time for Nomination.

SEC. 7.—Nomination for elective officers shall be made on the night preceding and on the night of election, and the presiding officer shall not close the nominations until every member present has had an opportunity to be heard; nor shall a qualified member, duly nominated, be

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excluded from the list of nominees because he is not present, provided always, that previous to, or on the night of election, he shall have, either personally or in writing, intimated his intention to accept the office for which he has been nominated.

**No Election without Nomination.**

SEC. 8.—There shall not be an election for officers without a previous nomination of candidates, and the majority of the valid votes polled for the office shall be required to elect a candidate to any office ; but votes polled for candidates that have not been duly nominated, shall be excluded from the number.

**Mode of Conducting Elections.**

SEC. 9.—When an election is held for any officer or officers, the presiding officer shall act as judge, and appoint two members having the Knight's rank as tellers, to assist in conducting the election in a fair and impartial manner, and when the poll has been opened, each member of the Lodge, qualified to vote and desirous of voting, shall present his ticket to the tellers to be deposited in the poll or box ; but whenever the counting of the votes polled discloses a greater number than there were legally qualified members voting, the presiding officer shall declare the balloting at which they were received illegal and void, and direct another balloting to take place immediately. In case there are two or more candidates for the same office, neither of whom has received a majority of all the valid

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votes polled for that office, another balloting shall be had, and the name of the candidate receiving the least number of votes shall be withdrawn.

#### **Installation of Officers.**

SEC. 10.—Officers shall be installed at the first regular meeting of the new term, if unforeseen circumstances do not prevent; but no officer shall be installed unless he has fully paid to the Lodge the amount of all dues and claims of whatever nature then accrued; and any officer that has been duly elected, failing to present himself for installation (unless prevented by sickness or some other unavoidable occurrence), may have the office to which he has been elected declared vacant by the installing officer, and another election be ordered forthwith to fill the vacancy.

#### **Removal and Vacancies.**

SEC. 11.—Any officer for inattention to the duties of his station, conduct unbecoming his standing in the Order, or for being absent from his station (without satisfactory excuse) for three successive regular meetings, may be removed, by a vote of the Lodge to that effect; provided that notice of such motion has been given at the regular meeting previous to that at which the vote is taken.

#### **Filling of Vacancies.**

SEC. 12.—All vacancies by death, removal, suspension, resignation or otherwise, shall be filled in the manner of the original selection, to serve the residue of the term, and officers so

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serving shall be entitled to the honors of the term.

#### ARTICLE IV.

##### Duties of Officers—Chancellor Commander.

SEC. 1.—The C. C. shall preside at all meetings of the Lodge, and preserve decorum therein ; decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Lodge ; enforce the laws, rules and regulations of the Lodge, and those of the Grand Lodge ; appoint a majority of all Committees, unless otherwise ordered by the Lodge ; sign orders on the Master of Exchequer for such moneys as shall be ordered by a vote of the Lodge to be paid ; receive the money drawn for the benefits, and cause the same to be paid to the person for whom it was drawn, within forty-eight hours thereafter ; and perform such other duties appertaining to his office as are enjoined by the laws, rules and regulations of the Order.

##### Vice-Chancellor.

SEC. 2.—The V. C. shall assist the C. C. in preserving order in the Lodge ; aid him in conducting the ceremonies ; appoint a minority of all committees, unless otherwise ordered by the Lodge ; have charge of the wicket ; in the absence of the C. C. or vacancy in that office, preside in his stead ; and perform such other duties as are enjoined by the laws, rules and regulations of the Order.

##### Prelate.

SEC. 3.—The P. shall assist in conducting the ceremonies prescribed in the work of the Order,

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and perform such other duties appertaining to his office as are enjoined by the laws, rules and regulations, and be subject to all orders of the C. C. or Lodge.

##### Master of Exchequer.

SEC. 4.—The M. of E. shall receive from the M. of F. all moneys received by him for the Lodge, and give his receipt therefor; keep a correct account of all moneys so received, and make no disbursements thereof unless authorized by the Lodge under an order from the C. C. attested by the K. of R. and S., make out and submit a report to the Lodge of the transactions of his office, at the end of every semi-annual term and before entering upon the duties of his office, give to the Trustees of the Lodge his bond, with such security for the faithful performance thereof as the Lodge may require.

##### Master of Finance.

SEC. 5.—The M. of F. shall keep the accounts between the Lodge and its members correctly; receive all money for the Lodge and pay the same immediately to the M. of E. and take his receipt therefor; and shall notify all members in arrears to the amount or three (3) months' dues or more; furnish the K. of R. and S. with the amount of receipts previous to the close of each meeting, make out and submit to the Lodge a report of the transactions of his office at the end of each semi-annual term, and perform such other duties as are enjoined by the laws, rules and regulations, and receive for his services

such compensation as the By-Laws prescribe, or the Lodge may from time to time allow and appropriate therefor.

**Keeper of Records and Seal.**

SEC. 6.—The K. of R. and S. shall keep an accurate record of all the proceedings of the Lodge ; make out the semi-annual report of the work and business of the Lodge for the Grand Lodge, and other documents and notices ; notify the G. K. of R. and S. *immediately* of any change being made in his office, Post Office address or residence, of all rejections of candidates and the suspensions and reinstatements of members ; have charge of the correspondence, records and seal of the Lodge ; and perform such other duties as are enjoined by the laws, rules and regulations of the Order, and receive for his services such compensation as the By-Laws of the Lodge may prescribe, or the Lodge from time to time allow and appropriate therefor.

**Master-at-Arms.**

SEC. 7.—The M. at A. shall have charge of the properties of the Lodge and be held responsible for their safe keeping ; perform such other duties as are required by the work of the Order and enjoined by the laws, rules and regulations.

**Inner and Outer Guards.**

SEC. 8.—The I. G. and O. G. shall perform such duties as are required by the work of the Order, and enjoined by the laws, rules and regulations. The O. G. to receive for his services such compensation as the By-Laws may prescribe

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or the Lodge from time to time allow and appropriate therefor; the C. C. may, by consent of the Lodge, appoint as O. G. a member of the Knight's rank in good standing of another Lodge in cases where two or more Lodges meet in the same hall.

**Representatives to the Grand Lodge.**

SEC. 9.—The Past Chancellors elected as Representatives, who have not been previously admitted to membership in the Grand Lodge, shall be required to present their certificates of P. C., as well as that certifying to their election as Representatives previous to their being acknowledged. They shall receive the instructions of the Lodge, and faithfully represent its interests in the Grand Lodge, and submit a report, in writing, of their acts and doings, and such matters and transactions of the G. L. as affects the Subordinate Lodges, and well-being of the Order in this jurisdiction in general, at the next regular convention of the Lodge thereafter; and such notification to the Lodge, of any enactment of the Supreme or Grand Lodge, is official, and takes effect from date of such notification, unless otherwise officially ordered, or until the same is regularly promulgated by special order, or published in the Journal of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge for general reference and application.

**Trustees of the Lodge.**

SEC. 10.—The Board of Trustees shall be charged with the general supervision and care of funds, investments and other Lodge property, in

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order that they may look after its material interests and welfare ; invest in such loans, stocks, or other securities as the Lodge may direct ; receive all money ordered to be drawn from the Master of Exchequer for any specific purpose, and deposit the vouchers with the M. of F., to be placed with the M. of E. for safe keeping ; call in, sell, and realize all such loans, stocks, and other investments (not otherwise specially vested in other trustees) whenever the Lodge shall order the same to be done ; collect all the interest, dividends, and other money arising or accruing from any and all the investments belonging to the Lodge : pay the money collected by them to the M. of F., and report at the next stated meeting succeeding the election for officers, at the close of every term, and make an inventory of and report all properties of the Lodge.

#### Auditing Committee.

SEC. 11.—On the night of the election of officers, there shall be appointed a committee of three Knights, in good standing, for the purpose of auditing the books and settling the accounts of the M. of E., M. of F., and K. of R. & S. Said committee to report at the next stated meeting in writing.

### ARTICLE V.

#### Qualification for Membership.

SEC. 1.—The Lodge shall not initiate into the mysteries of the Order any person who is not a white male, over 21 and under 50 years of age, of good moral character, in sound mental and

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bodily health, able and competent to earn the means necessary for the support of himself and family, and a believer in the Supreme Creator and Preserver of the Universe, nor for a less sum than the amount prescribed.

**Application for Membership.**

SEC. 2.—Each application for membership shall be accompanied by such an amount as the Lodge shall legislate as the fee to be received by them for the Initiatory rank of Page, providing that in no case shall the three ranks be conferred for a less sum than ten dollars (except a Brother holding a withdrawal card, who can be admitted for a sum of not less than one dollar), such application to be signed by the applicant, stating his age, occupation, and residence, with the recommendation of two Knights, members of good standing in the Lodge—which application shall be read at a stated meeting, entered on the record, and referred to a committee of three members, Knights, (neither of whom shall have recommended the applicant); to make the necessary investigations, and report as to the character and other qualifications of the applicant for membership at the next stated meeting.

**Election to Membership.**

SEC. 3.—Every applicant for membership reported upon by the committee, shall be balloted for separately, at a stated meeting; and all the balls deposited being white, the C. C. shall declare the applicant elected. Should two black

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**Notice of Rejection, etc.**

SEC. 4.—When an applicant for membership has been rejected, notice of his rejection shall be immediately sent by the K. of R. and S. to the G. K. of R. and S., and the amount accompanying his application be returned ; but every applicant elected to membership failing to present himself for initiation or admission within thirteen weeks after being notified of his election (unless prevented by sickness or some other unavoidable occurrence), shall forfeit the amount that has been paid by him to the Lodge.

**ARTICLE VI.****Ranks of the Order.**

SEC. 1.—The Ranks of the Order, styled and known : 1st, as Page ; 2nd, as Esquire ; 3rd, as Knight—shall be conferred upon such applicants only as are duly qualified, according to the laws, rules and regulations, and in their regular numerical order ; but no rank shall be

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conferred until the prescribed fee has been paid to the M. of F.

**Charge for Ranks.**

SEC. 2.—The fees for conferring the several ranks of the Order shall be such as are prescribed by the By-Laws of the Lodge, but shall in no case be a less sum than \$10 for the three ranks.

**Application for Ranks.**

SEC. 3.—Every member of good standing in the Lodge, of the Page or Esquire rank, desirous of being advanced, shall pay the amount prescribed in the By-Laws of the Lodge, and cause an application to be made for his advancement at a stated meeting of the Lodge, when a ballot shall be taken, and all the balls deposited being white, or not more than two black, the C. C. shall declare the applicant elected, and entitled to that rank; but if there have been three *black balls* deposited, the C. C. shall declare the applicant rejected, and he shall not be entitled to renew his application until three months thereafter.

**When to be Conferred**

SEC. 4.—One week must elapse between the conferring of the ranks, *in all cases*, except the first four meeting nights of a new Lodge; but *in every instance* one week must elapse between the application and the conferring of the initiatory rank of Page.

(The above section shall not apply to cases where dispensations are granted.)

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**ARTICLE VII.****Official Seal.**

**SEC. 1.**—The Lodge shall have an appropriate Seal bearing proper devices, name, number and location of the Lodge, with the date of its institution thereon, a good copy or impression of which shall be deposited with the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

**SEC. 2.**—An impression of the Seal shall be affixed to Withdrawal Cards, Certificates and all other official documents and papers issued by and with the authority of the Lodge.

**ARTICLE VIII.****Applications for Withdrawal Cards.**

**SEC. 1.**—Any member settling his account on the books of the Lodge, may apply for a withdrawal card, when a vote shall be taken, and in case a majority of those voting refuse to grant the card the objections should be stated in writing and the applicant be entitled to a trial, in the same manner and form as upon other charges.

**Formal Voting and Balloting for Cards.**

**SEC. 2.**—The vote or ballot required to be taken on granting a card, in conformity with the laws, rules and regulations, being for the purpose of bringing the matter to the notice of the Lodge and giving those members who have valid objections an opportunity to state them—when the applicant has complied with the requirements of the laws, rules and regulations, and there is no valid objection, the card shall be granted.

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**Vote on Granting a Card.**

SEC. 3.—The vote of the majority in favor of granting a withdrawal card severs the connection of the applicant with the Lodge, whether the card is taken or not; but an applicant taking his card shall be entitled to the S. A. P. W. for the time, and the privilege to visit upon it for the unexpired term thereafter.

**Card may be Revoked.**

SEC. 4.—A withdrawal card may be revoked by a Lodge granting the same, or ordered vacated by the proper Grand Lodge, or Grand Chancellor, at any time, for cause appearing, and when so revoked for the purpose of impeachment or trial, the person holding said card shall again become subject to the Lodge which issued the same, in so far as concerns said impeachment or trial. Refusal to comply with proper citation in this connection shall constitute contempt.

**Card may be Renewed.**

SEC. 5.—A withdrawal card can be renewed if lost or destroyed accidentally, and satisfactory evidence adduced from the holder and applicant, by the Lodge having granted the same, and upon such terms as the Lodge may determine.

**Charge for Cards.**

SEC. 6.—The charge for a withdrawal card shall not exceed one dollar.

**ARTICLE IX.****Dues and Benefits.**

SEC. 1.—Every member of the Knight's rank

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shall pay into the funds of the Lodge, as dues, the sum prescribed in the By-Laws, which shall in no case be at a less rate than ten cents each per week.

#### **When Entitled to Benefits.**

SEC. 2.—Every member who has passed the probationary period fixed in the By-Laws, and received the Knight's rank, incapacitated by sickness or other disability from attending to his usual business or some other occupation, shall be considered a beneficial member, entitled to receive such weekly benefits as the By-Laws prescribe (not less than \$2 per week.)

#### **Cannot Claim Benefits.**

SEC. 3.—A member cannot rightfully claim weekly benefits when disabled by any disease or infirmity by which he was afflicted previous to his initiation or admission into the Lodge ; or for any sickness or other disability originating from intemperance, vicious or immoral conduct ; or while charges are pending against him under the penal provisions of the laws ; but when he has been exonerated and acquitted, after due trial, he may claim for the time if otherwise entitled ; or, when so disabled as to prevent him following his usual occupation, but able to pursue some other business ; nor can he, if taken sick or disabled, when in arrears to the Lodge to the amount of three months' dues, by the payment of such arrears, entitle himself to benefits during that sickness or disability ; nor can a member, while receiving the weekly benefits from the

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Lodge, become in arrears so as to debar him therefrom, the C. C. being authorized to pay to the M. of F. from the amount drawn for his weekly benefits, a sum sufficient to prevent his becoming in arrears to the Lodge to the amount of three months' dues.

#### Absent Members.

SEC. 4.—A sick or disabled member residing three miles or more from the place of meeting of the Lodge, desirous of claiming weekly benefits, shall cause to be presented, within four weeks, to the Lodge, at a stated meeting, a written application, with directions how the money may be forwarded at the risk of the applicant, and the certificate of his attending physician, stating the time of his attendance and the nature of his disease or disability, attested by the C. C., K. of R. and S., and seal of a legally constituted Lodge of Knights of Pythias in his vicinity, or the nearest magistrate. *Provided always, however,* that he is in good standing in the Lodge, and entitled to benefits—that not more than four weeks' benefits shall be paid on any such application, and that the application has not been ante-dated to cover time embraced in a previous application.

#### Funeral Benefits.

SEC. 5.—On the decease of a beneficial member, the Lodge shall appropriate the amount prescribed in the By-Laws (not less than \$20), towards defraying the expenses of his funeral, to be paid to his nearest competent relative; but in the absence of such relative, the C. C. shall

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apply the money to the purpose specified, and return the surplus, if any, to the M. of T., with receipts for the expenses incurred.

#### Classification of Dues and Benefits.

SEC. 6.—The Lodge may classify its dues and benefits above the minimum rates here specified, prescribe the probationary period to expire previous to a member's becoming beneficial, and fix the time when weekly benefits shall commence to be paid to its sick and disabled members, by laws of general application; and upon satisfactory evidence that its funds are so reduced as to be unable to meet the legitimate demands upon its treasury, may be allowed a dispensation authorizing it to reduce its weekly benefits to a sum not less than \$1 per week.

### ARTICLE X.

#### Good Standing in the Lodge.

SEC. 1.—Every member of the Lodge shall be considered in good standing who is not disqualified, debarred or suspended from the privileges and benefits, by reason of non-payment of his dues, fines, or suffering from charges under the penal revisions of the laws, rules and regulations.

#### Arrears, Penalties, &c.

SEC. 2.—Every member neglecting to pay, and in arrears to the Lodge to the amount of three months dues or more, shall not be entitled to vote; be disqualified for any office, and stand suspended from any benefits of the Lodge; and if in arrears to the amount of twelve months, he

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shall stand suspended from membership ; but may be reinstated on the payment of one year's dues, and all the assessments accruing during the year for which suspended, in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations.

#### **Improper Conduct, etc.**

SEC. 3.—Every member violating any of the obligations, established principles, laws, rules, or regulations of the Order, disregarding the requirements of the Constitution or By-laws, disclosing the secret transactions of the Lodge, divulging the name of a member who has reported unfavorably on an application, or opposed his becoming a member ; feigning himself sick or disabled ; practising, aiding, or abetting any other misrepresentation, false pretence or fraud ; guilty of habitual drunkenness, gambling, immoral or criminal conduct of any kind ; entering the Lodge in a state of intoxication ; using profane or other improper language ; wilfully persisting in disturbing the harmonious and peaceful working of the Lodge, or refusing to obey the presiding officer after having been twice called to order, shall be fined or suspended from the Lodge, as may be determined, in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations.

#### **ARTICLE XI.**

##### **Non-Attendance, Contempt, etc.**

SEC. 1.—Every member is bound faithfully and punctually to attend, when summoned by the Lodge, Grand Lodge, or any of their com-

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mittees or officers, and every member evading the receipt of a notice, or, after receiving notice, neglecting to attend at the time and place specified, or to continue his attendance until released, shall be reported to the Lodge, and (unless a valid excuse be given) be fined or suspended for contempt, in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations.

#### ARTICLE XII.

##### **Charges, Complaints, and Appeals.**

Every officer of a Subordinate Lodge, or member thereof, violating the established principles, laws, rules, and regulations, may be tried in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations, and be punished by fines, or suspension ; and all charges and complaints must be made and acted upon in accordance with the following

##### **Code of Procedure for Charges, Trials, and Appeals.**

SEC. 1.—A Lodge which may become cognizant of any violation of the cardinal principles of the Order, or any immoral conduct, or any improper behavior by any brother, may institute preliminary inquiries through a committee, who shall report to the Lodge ; and, upon sufficient cause, shall present charges in due form against such derelict brother, and act during a subsequent trial as plaintiff in behalf of the Lodge.

SEC. 2.—Charges may also be brought by any brother of a Lodge against a brother of the Order, but for such causes only as are stated in Section 3, Article X.

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SEC. 3.—A brother of a Lodge desiring to make a charge against a brother of another Lodge, must present the complaint through his Lodge to the Lodge of the defendant.

SEC. 4.—Every charge must be presented in writing, in duplicate copies, specifying the points of complaint, and it shall be received by the Lodge without debate.

SEC. 5.—The Lodge shall then proceed to elect by ballot five Knights (who shall elect their own chairman), which shall constitute a committee to investigate the charge. The defendant and complainant shall each have the right to challenge peremptorily three members of the committee, and if the accused is not present in the meeting when the charge is presented, he shall be notified of the same, and the right to the challenge shall hold good until the next regular meeting of the Lodge. Such members as are challenged shall be immediately replaced by other brothers in the Lodge.

SEC. 6.—One copy of the charge or charges shall be handed to the accused, and the parties summoned to appear before the committee for trial, at such time and place as the committee may appoint, and have all their witnesses in attendance. The committee are at liberty to procure and require, by its own power, the attendance of all persons or documents, for the purpose of properly investigating the charges.

SEC. 7.—If the accused neglects or refuses to appear for trial, after having been duly notified,

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without presenting a sufficient and acceptable excuse for such neglect or failure to appear, he shall be deemed guilty of contempt, and shall be dealt with as the Lodge may direct.

SEC. 8.—The committee shall strictly and impartially examine all the witnesses, but nothing shall be admitted as testimony which has not a strict bearing on the charge or charges. A full and correct record of the proceedings and the testimony must be made by the committee.

SEC. 9.—The plaintiff and the defendant shall have the right to cross-examine the witnesses, and to choose each one brother of the Order, as their respective counsel to attend to the trial for them. When all the testimony of the witnesses shall have been taken, the committee shall declare the examination closed, and present their records in full, together with their recommendations, before the Lodge for further action; and they shall give at least one week's previous notice to the Lodge, as well as to the plaintiff and the defendant, in writing, before submitting their report.

SEC. 10.—In regular meeting of the Lodge, appointed for that purpose, the report of the investigation shall be read; and, when finished, the Lodge may debate on the merits of the case. At the close of the debate the plaintiff and the defendant shall have the right to speak twice, and in such order that the defendant may have the closing argument.

SEC. 11.—The decision of the Lodge is arrived

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at by the medium of written tickets, of which every member not interested in the case receives two—one of which having "guilty," and the other "*not guilty*," written thereon--of these two tickets each member deposits one in the ballot box and destroys the other one. The votes are then counted by a committee of three, specially appointed for that purpose by the Chancellor Commander, and a majority of the votes having decided "guilty," the accused shall be subject to such punishment as the By-Laws prescribe or the Lodge may deem proper to impose.

SEC. 12.—No charge for the same cause shall be entertained by the Lodge, if such shall have been previously disposed of.

SEC. 13.—Any brother who may have been found guilty of any crime before a criminal court, and have been sentenced, shall be suspended from the Order for a term not exceeding ninety-nine years, without any further trial, as soon as the fact of the sentence having been passed have been proven by the public records, or by witnesses duly sworn.

SEC. 14.—After a member has been suspended, the K. of R. and S. shall (as soon as the time for making the appeal has expired without having been taken advantage of,) notify the G. K. of R. and S. thereof, and no such suspended member shall be re-instated without the express consent of his Lodge.

SEC. 15.—A brother intending to appeal to the Grand Lodge against the proceedings in a

trial, or against the justice of a decision of a Lodge in a case to which he was a party, must give notice to that effect to the Lodge, either at the meeting where the closing proceedings in the case take place, or at the next following meeting.

SEC. 16.—A brother who wishes to appeal against the legality or the justice of the proceeding of his Lodge, in any case except in one to which he was a party, as plaintiff or defendant, must give notice of his intention at the same meeting where such proceedings took place.

SEC. 17.—In every instance the appeal must be presented in writing, in duplicate copies, to the Lodge, at the meeting next succeeding the one in which notice of the appeal has been given, unless for particular cause the Lodge extends the time to the brother, otherwise he forfeits his right to appeal.

SEC. 18.—The appeal shall be read to the Lodge, and be then open for debate, and the Lodge shall determine what answer shall be given and the mode in which such answer shall be prepared. The answer, when finished, shall also be read in the Lodge, and if the Lodge find nothing more to add or change, it shall, without delay, forward the appeal, together with the answer and the necessary copies of the records, in duplicate copies, to the Grand Lodge. The C. C. shall appoint the committee for the purpose of drawing up such defence.

SEC. 19.—If a brother, in consequence of a regular trial, has been suspended or otherwise

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deprived of his regular benefits, by the judgment of his Lodge, appeals from the decision of his Lodge, then such benefits as by the By-Laws of the Lodge may become due to him or his relatives, during the time the appeal is pending, shall not be paid by the Lodge, but shall be placed to his credit, and a correct account retained of the amount so due.

SEC. 20.—If, finally, by the decision of the Grand Lodge, the judgment of the Subordinate Lodge shall be sustained, then the sums so placed to the credit of the appellant shall be forfeited, and he be treated as if the sentence of the Lodge had taken effect on the day it was passed by the Lodge ; but if the judgment of the Lodge be reversed, the full amount due to him, or his relatives, shall be paid without further delay.

SEC. 21.—Every brother has an unquestionable right to appeal to the Grand Lodge, if he considers the proceedings of his Lodge to be illiberal or unjust, or if he deems himself aggrieved by the action of his or any other Lodge.

SEC. 22.—It shall be the duty of the K. of R. and S. to inform the G. K. of R. and S., in writing, within forty-eight hours thereafter, of the final action of the Lodge in every case where trials have been adjudicated.

#### ARTICLE XIII.

##### Returns to the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 1.—At the close of every term, the Lodge shall report to the Grand Lodge the number of

initiations, names of brothers admitted by card, or suspended, and the cause thereof, rejected or deceased ; a list of the P. C.'s not entitled to the privileges and benefits ; all brothers and widowed families relieved, brothers buried, with the amount of money appropriated for each of those purposes ; the number of orphans being educated, designating the schools to which they are sent and the amount paid for the same ; the amount of receipts, specifying what fund ; the amount of contingent expenses, and tax due the Grand Lodge ; the total amount on hand separating the general and widow's and orphan's fund ; the amount invested, and the result of the election for officers, according to the form furnished by the Grand Lodge—which report shall be properly attested, and the order for the tax be drawn and delivered to the installing officer previous to installation.

#### Dues to Grand Lodge.

SEC. 2.—The Lodge shall pay to the Grand Lodge semi-annually, as dues, ten per cent. on the following receipts, viz., fees for initiation and ranks, admission by card, withdrawal cards, dues, fines and donations.

### ARTICLE XIV.

#### Forfeiture of Charter.

SEC. 1.—A Lodge may be suspended or dissolved, and its charter or dispensation forfeited to the Grand Lodge, for improper conduct ; for neglecting or refusing to conform to the Constitution or Laws of the Grand Lodge, or the

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Laws, Rules, and Regulations of the Order ; for neglecting or refusing to make its returns, or for non-payment of its dues to the Grand Lodge—but the charter or dispensation shall not be forfeited until the Lodge shall have been duly notified of its offence by the G. K. of R. and S., and opportunity given to answer the charges made against it ; for neglecting to hold regular stated meetings, as provided, unless prevented from so doing by some unforeseen circumstance.

SEC. 2.—When an impeached Lodge neglects or refuses to answer within one month, it may be tried or suspended for contempt.

SEC. 3.—When a Lodge is suspended or dissolved, the C. C., or if there is none, its senior officer, shall, if in his power, deliver up the charter or dispensation, books, jewels, funds, emblems, regalia, and other property and effects to the Grand Chancellor, or his deputy, and any officer or member, having any of the said property and effects, refusing to surrender the same, may be forever excluded from membership in the Order, even though his Lodge should be reinstated.

SEC. 4.—All funds and effects, received by the Grand Lodge from a dissolved or suspended Lodge, shall be restored in the event of its reinstatement.

SEC. 5.—Members of a defunct Lodge, who were in good standing at the time of dissolution, may be admitted into another Lodge, after having applied for and received a card, signed by the

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G. C. and countersigned by the G. K. of R. and S., with the seal of the Grand Lodge attached—the application for such card to be accompanied by a fee of two dollars—the card to hold good for twelve months.

#### ARTICLE XV.

##### **Funeral Processions, etc.**

The Lodge shall not make a public display, except on the occasion of a funeral, without permission of the Grand Lodge, or, during its recess, from the Grand Chancellor, or his deputy ; and when in procession of any kind, it shall be under the guidance of its marshals, and proceed according to the laws, rules and regulations.

#### ARTICLE XVI.

##### **By-Laws, Alterations and Amendments.**

By-laws in conformity with the Constitution may be made, altered, amended, added to, or dispensed with by submitting the proposition to the Lodge in writing, signed by two members of the Knight's rank, and having it read at two stated meetings previous to being acted upon, when two-thirds of the valid votes cast concurring it shall be adopted : *Provided, however,* it does not contravene or conflict with any of the established principles, laws, rules, or regulations of the Grand Lodge, the Supreme Lodge of the Knights of Pythias, or the Order in general ; but they shall have neither force nor effect until approved by the Grand Chancellor ; and all By-laws or parts of By-laws which have been adopted by

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the Lodge, contravening or conflicting therewith, shall be considered as repealed from and after the date of such approval.

#### ARTICLE XVII.

##### **Altering and Amending Constitution.**

This Constitution shall not be altered or amended, unless the proposed alteration or amendment be submitted in writing, signed by five Representatives, at a regular session of the Grand Lodge, when the G. K. of R. and S. shall have the provision printed, furnish each Representative with a copy, and each Lodge with three copies. The proposition then being approved by the concurrent votes of two-thirds of the Representatives present at the next succeeding stated session, it shall be considered part of the Constitution, annulling and repealing all such parts as conflict therewith.

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## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1st.—The M. at A. shall make the requisite examinations, and report to the presiding officer.

2nd.—When satisfied that all present are qualified to remain, the Lodge shall be opened in regular form.

3rd.—The roll of officers shall be called and absentees noted.

4th.—The reading of the Minutes of the last stated and intervening meetings, the consideration of any objections which may be made to any part thereof, and their approval, with or without amendment, as the case may require.

5th.—Does any Brother know of a sick Brother or a Brother's family in distress.

6th.—Report of Visiting Committee.

7th.—The Nomination or Election of Officers on the evenings designated for such nomination or election.

8th.—Petitions for membership shall be read and referred to committees for investigation.

9th.—Report of Investigating Committees and balloting for candidates.

10th.—Initiation and conferring Ranks on candidates that have been elected.

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11th.—The receiving and consideration of any Reports of Officers or Standing Committees, which may require to be made in pursuance of the By-Laws.

12th.—The receiving and consideration of any Reports of Special Committees, in the order of their seniority.

13th.—Unfinished business appearing on the Minutes shall be taken up in order.

14th.—Communications, Notices, &c. shall be read and accounts presented.

15th.—New Business.

16th.—Close in due form.

The foregoing Order of Business may be transposed by the presiding officer, if there is no objection; but objection being made, it shall require concurrence of two-thirds of the votes cast to determine the affirmative.

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## RULES OF ORDER.

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### Decorum.

1.—The presiding officer having taken the chair, the officers and members shall clothe themselves in proper insignia, and take their respective seats ; and at the sound of the gavel to be repeated by the V. C., there shall be silence.

2.—Unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, the business shall be proceeded with as prescribed in the Order of Business, except in case of official communications, orders or visitations from the Supreme or Grand Lodge, or their officers or commissioned representatives, when *all* business must be *immediately* laid aside, until the cause or purport of the same is made known, regularly transacted, or over, or the business of the Lodge continued by *their* permission, *provided and except*, it is when the Lodge may be *actually* engaged in conferring a section of any rank upon a candidate, and if so, *this* must be brought to a final completion at the earliest possible moment, compatible with proper instruction being given.

3.—During the reading of the minutes, communications and other papers, and when a member is speaking, silence shall be observed in the Lodge room.

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**Presiding Officer.**

4.—The presiding officer shall preserve order and pronounce the decision of the Lodge on all subjects ; he shall decide questions of order without debate, subject to an appeal to the Lodge by any member, when the question before the Lodge shall be—"shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge?" which question shall be taken by the V. C.

5.—Before putting a question, the presiding officer shall ask—"Is the Lodge ready for the question?"—if no member rise to speak, he shall rise and put it ; and after he has risen to put the question, members shall not be permitted to speak upon it.

6.—If two or more members rise to speak at the same time, the presiding officer shall decide which is entitled to the floor, and which decision shall not be questioned.

7.—When the presiding officer is addressing the Lodge, or putting a question, silence must be observed in the Lodge room.

**Members.**

8.—A member shall not be permitted to speak or to vote, unless clothed in regalia or insignia suitable for his rank or station in the Lodge.

9.—Each member speaking shall stand and respectfully address the chair ; confine himself to the question under debate and avoid all personalities, indecorous or sarcastic language.

10.—A member shall not be interrupted while

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speaking, except to call him to order for words spoken, or for the purpose of explanation.

11.—If a member, while speaking, be called to order, he shall, at the request of the chair, take his seat until the question of order is determined, when, if permitted, he may proceed again.

12.—A member shall not speak more than once on the same subject or question, until all who wish to speak shall have had an opportunity to do so, nor more than twice without permission from the chair; and every member speaking shall designate the officer or member spoken of by his proper rank or title, according to his standing in the Lodge.

13.—Any member can call for a division of the question when the sense will admit of it; but a motion to strike out and insert, shall be indivisible, except at the option of the mover and seconder.

#### Debates.

14.—A question shall not be subject to debate until it has been seconded and stated from the chair; and it shall be reduced to writing at the request of any member.

15.—When a question is before the Lodge, no motion shall be in order except for the previous question, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone for a certain time, to divide, to commit, or to amend, which motions shall severally have precedence in the order herein arranged.

16.—On the call of nine members, a majority

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of a Lodge may demand a previous question, which shall always be in this form: "Shall the main question be put?" and until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments and all further debate.

**Motions, etc.**

17.—A motion to close is always in order after the regular Lodge business is gone through, which motion shall be decided without debate, but if decided in the affirmative, it is no adjournment until the Lodge is closed in due form.

18 -- When a question is postponed indefinitely, it shall not be acted on during that or the next succeeding stated meeting.

19.—A motion for a reconsideration shall not be received unless made at the same session, by a member who voted with the majority in the first instance.

**Miscellaneous.**

20.—The person first named on a committee shall act as chairman until another is chosen by the members of the committee, and the mover of a resolution referred to a special committee is usually the first named thereon.

21 —Any member may excuse himself from serving on a committee, if, at the time of his appointment, he is a member of two other committees ; but a member cannot be appointed on a committee when absent from the Lodge,

22.—A committee cannot be discharged until all the debts contracted by it shall have been paid.

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23.—When a blank has to be filled, the question shall be first taken upon the smallest sum or number, and the longest and latest time proposed.

24.—All communications, petitions and memorials, shall be presented through a member of the Lodge, or by the presiding officer, and a brief statement of their contents shall be entered on the minutes.

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ARTICLE I.

**Meetings and Special Meetings.**

The regular meetings of this Lodge shall be held on Thursday Evening of each week, at eight o'clock. Special meetings may be called by the C. C., or at the written request of five Knights, and said meeting shall be confined to the business for which they are called to consider. In no case shall a special meeting be called without notice having been given by the K. of R. & S. at least 24 hours previous to such meeting, except in cases where the sickness or death of a brother is the cause of meeting.

ARTICLE II.

**Propositions.**

The proposer of a candidate for membership in this Lodge shall deposit in the hands of the K. of R. & S. at the time of his making such proposition, the sum of \$1.00, which shall be

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placed to the credit of the candidate's initiation fee, provided he shall appear for initiation within the required time, viz., 13 weeks. Should the candidate be rejected, the amount of proposition fee shall be refunded.

### ARTICLE III.

#### Admission Fees.

SEC. 1.—Every person admitted into this Lodge shall pay the sum of \$5.00 for Initiation or Page Rank, \$5.00 for the Rank of Esquire, and \$5.00 for the Rank of Knight, if over the age of 21 and under 30, after which the scale shall be as follows:—

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SEC. 2.—The fees for membership by card, which must in all cases accompany the proposition, shall be \$1.00 between the ages of twenty one and thirty, after which the scale shall be as above.

#### ARTICLE IV.

##### Dues.

Every member of the Knight's rank shall pay into the Lodge fund, as dues, \$6.00 per annum, payable quarterly.

#### ARTICLE V.

##### Hall Trustees.

This Lodge shall elect by ballot three Trustees, entitled Hall Trustee, who shall hold in trust such property, lease said hall, insure the furniture, appoint and pay a competent caretaker, who will be responsible to them for the discharge of such duties as are undertaken by him, control all matters of common interest to the Order connected with the hall and furniture, and shall, at the close of each semi-annual term, present a report of the transactions for the said term. The term of office for said Trustees shall extend over a period of five years. Should the office of Hall Trustee become vacant by resignation, decease or otherwise, this Lodge shall have power to elect another to fill his place and assume his responsibilities.

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The manner of nomination and election of said Trustees shall be the same in all particulars as that for the election of officers of the Lodge. This Lodge will feel itself bound to endorse the actions of said Trustees, when sanctioned by a two-thirds vote of the joint Trustees aforesaid.

#### ARTICLE VI.

##### **Committees and their Duties — Relief Committee.**

SEC. 1.—The Relief Committee shall consist of seven members, of whom the C. C. & V. C. are two *ex-officio*.

##### **Duties in Cases of Sickness.**

SEC. 2.—It shall be the duty of the Relief Committee to visit all sick and otherwise disabled members (except in cases of infectious or contagious diseases) within twenty-four hours after being notified; *provided* the applicant shall reside within three miles of the place of meeting, and continue their visits *once* a week, or oftener if necessary, so long as the brother is entitled to benefits. At the next regular meeting after being notified they shall apply for an order, to be drawn for the amount of the benefits for the time of his sickness or disability; *provided* the member has been sick one week or more, and perform such other duties in case of sickness or death as the Lodge may require.

##### **Duties in Cases of Death.**

SEC. 3.—In case of the death of a brother,

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or the wife of a brother, entitled to benefits, they shall apply for an order to be drawn upon the Master of Exchequer as soon after receiving notice as possible, for such sum as the By-laws shall in such cases prescribe.

#### Finance Committee.

SEC. 4.—The Finance Committee shall consist of three members, of whom the V. C. shall be chairman, *ex-officio*, whose duty it shall be to superintend the financial affairs of the Lodge; to inspect and report upon all accounts referred to them, at the regular meeting next following the reference of such accounts, provided always that the accounts are presented in detail.

#### Committee on Character.

SEC. 5.—It shall be the duty of all Committees of Character to ascertain the age, state of health, profession, habits and character of the candidates referred to them, to see that they have been residents in this jurisdiction at least six months, and to make special report thereon to the Lodge at the next regular meeting, unless further time be granted.

#### Chairman of Committee.

SEC. 6.—The Chairman of all Committees shall notify the members thereof, within forty-eight hours after their appointment, to meet at such time and place as he may designate, to enter upon the discharge of their duties.

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**Report of Committees.**

SEC. 7.—All Committees shall make their final report in writing.

**Declining to serve on Committees.**

SEC. 8.—A brother cannot decline serving on a Committee unless he is at the same time on two other Committees, or personally interested.

**Committees failing to discharge their Duty.**

SEC. 9.—Any Committee or member of Committee failing to discharge their duty to the satisfaction of the Lodge, may be discharged therefrom by a vote to that effect. Every Committee, or member or members thereof, thus discharged, shall forthwith surrender, on demand to that effect, to the C. C., or to such brother or brothers as the Lodge may appoint, all books, papers, money, and other property of the Lodge, which may be in his or their hands.

**ARTICLE VII.****Benefits.—Sick Benefits.**

SEC. 1.—Every Knight who has been a member of this Lodge for the space of six months, and who is in good standing, if rendered incapable of following his usual occupation, by sickness or other disability, not caused by immoral conduct on his part, shall receive a benefit of \$4 per week, from the funds of the Lodge, during such sickness or disability.

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**Funeral Benefits.**

SEC. 2.—In case of a Knight who is not more than three months in arrears the sum of \$40 shall be paid to defray funeral expenses, and in case of the death of a brother's wife or the widow of a deceased brother, the sum of \$20, to defray her funeral expenses.

**Benefits to Widows.**

SEC. 3.—The sum of \$40 per annum shall be paid, in yearly payments, to the widow (during her widowhood) of a Knight, provided always that such member shall have been, at the time of his decease, in good standing and free from all charges in the Lodge, of whatever kind.

**Benefits to Orphans.**

SEC. 4.—In cases where no widow is left, or when subsequent to the decease of a brother, his widow dies, the yearly sum to which in the first case she, the said widow, would have been entitled, or in the second case, she had been receiving up to the date of her decease, shall be allotted for the benefit of the child or children (if any) of said deceased brother; and upon any one of the said children attaining 15 years, the allotment in such case shall revert to the remaining children in equal proportions. It shall, in the case of female children, be competent for the Lodge to extend the period for payment of such benefits as they deem advisable and just.

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SEC. 5.—Should circumstance require it, the Lodge may withdraw from the widow of a deceased brother the benefit above set forth, and grant the same to his orphan child or children under the age of fifteen, but after attaining the proper age, such benefit shall revert to the widow.

SEC. 6.—Should the widow of such deceased brother marry again, while any child or children of such brother shall still be under the age of fifteen years, it shall be optional with the Lodge to grant such benefit or any part thereof to such child or children.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

##### **Assessment for Benefits.**

Whenever any benefit or benefits may become due and payable from the funds of this Lodge, in the course of any one term, and the books do not show a sufficient amount to the credit of such fund to meet such benefit, it shall be the duty of the C. C. to instruct the M. of F. forthwith to raise in aid of such fund, by assessment, to be laid in equal proportions upon all the members, the amount necessary to meet such benefit or benefits.

#### ARTICLE IX.

##### **Non-payment of Assessment and Dues.**

SEC. 1.—Every member of this Lodge is required and expected to pay the dues, assessments and fines accruing and assessed upon him, as promptly as they become payable;

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and to settle his account, and pay all the charges and demands against him, before or at the last regular meeting in each quarterly term; and no member against whom there stands any unpaid charges on the books, shall be entitled to receive the pass-word of the current term.

#### Arrears for Dues.

SEC. 2.—Any member who is in arrears for one quarter's dues or fines, shall be ineligible for office in the Lodge, and shall not be entitled to vote at any election of officers, and shall be deprived of all pecuniary benefits as provided for in these By-laws. If a member while disqualified from benefits, by reason of non-payment, be taken sick or disabled, he shall not become beneficial for or during such sickness or disability, however long the same may continue.

#### Cessation of Membership.

SEC. 3.—Should a member become in arrears for dues, assessment of fines, accruing during the space of six months, he shall be notified thereof by the M. of F. The deposit of a written notice in the Post Office, directed to such member at such place as he is registered on the Lodge books as residing, shall be deemed and taken as sufficient notice; and if such member shall allow his dues to remain unpaid so that he become in arrears for twelve months, he shall cease to be a member, as provided in the Constitution.

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**Reinstatement.**

SEC. 4.—A brother reinstated shall not be entitled to receive the benefits of the Lodge for six months thereafter, and if he be sick or disabled at the time of such reinstatement, shall not become beneficial for or during such sickness or disability.

**ARTICLE X.****Fines and Penalties—Of Officers and Members**

SEC. 1.—The C. C. shall announce and enforce all fines and penalties for absence of officers, neglect of duty, or improper conduct, and may suspend for the evening any member violating the good order of the Lodge from the privileges therein, or direct him to leave the room, to which order prompt obedience must be given.

**Of Financial Officers.**

SEC. 2.—The M. of E., M. of F., or K. of R. & S., either of the Trustees of the Lodge or Auditors absenting themselves from the meeting called to audit the accounts of the Lodge shall pay a fine of \$1.00.

**Of Committees.**

SEC. 3.—Every member who is appointed to serve on a Committee, and does not attend to the duties thereof shall be fined 25 cents.

**For Fraud.**

SEC. 4.—Any member who shall feign himself sick or disabled, in order fraudulently to

obtain benefits from this Lodge, shall be suspended.

**For Intoxication.**

SEC. 5.—Any member who shall enter the Lodge in a state of intoxication (or become so during the time he may be receiving benefits) or be guilty of habitual drunkenness, or any heinous offence against the laws of the land, shall be suspended from the Lodge.

**For Offence in Lodge.**

SEC. 6.—Any member who shall, in the Lodge room, make use of any profane or indecent language, or refuse to obey the commands of the C. C., when called to order, or use disrespectful expressions towards the officers or members, shall be subject to reprimand, or fine not exceeding \$5.00, or both, or may be suspended, at the option of the Lodge.

**For Smoking or Spitting.**

SEC. 7.—Any member guilty of smoking or spiting in the Lodge room shall be fined fifty cents.

**For False Charges.**

SEC. 8.—Any member who shall bring a charge or charges against a brother, without evidence to warrant the same, shall be fined or suspended as the Lodge may determine.

**For Proposing Unworthy Characters.**

SEC. 9.—A brother who shall propose for membership any person he may know to be an unworthy character, shall be subject to fine or suspension, at the option of the Lodge.

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**For Exposure of Lodge Business.**

SEC. 10.—Any member who may expose to others than members of this Lodge the name of a brother who may speak or vote against a candidate proposed for membership, shall be suspended.

NOTE.—The C. C. shall cause this Section to be read immediately after the rejection of a candidate.

**or Officers having Lodge Property.**

SEC. 11.—Any officer having books, papers or keys belonging to the Lodge shall be fined twenty-five cents if all of the same are not brought into the Lodge room within thirty minutes after opening.

**Remission of Fines.**

SEC. 12.—If any officer or member should consider himself aggrieved by any fine or penalty imposed by the C. C., he may appeal to the Lodge, who may remit the fine or penalty at their discretion.

**ARTICLE XI.****Donations.**

In voting donations for purposes other than the relief of sick or distressed brothers of this Lodge or their families, no sum exceeding \$15.00 shall be granted.

**ARTICLE XII.****Withdrawal Card.**

The charge for withdrawal cards shall be \$1.00; but should a brother holding a with-

drawal card be guilty of conduct unbecoming a Knight, and lay himself liable to charges, the Lodge may recall and annul the same.

#### ARTICLE XIII.

##### Surgeon.

The Lodge may elect annually, at the meeting in December, by ballot, a surgeon, who shall, when so requested by the C. C., examine applicants for membership. He shall attend every sick brother of this Lodge, when called upon by such brother or Visiting Committee, provided such brother is in good standing, and reside within three miles of the Lodge; and for every name upon the quarterly list of Knights in good standing he shall be paid quarterly at the rate of \$1.00 per annum. In any case of contagion befalling a brother of this Lodge, upon whom he is called to attend, the Surgeon shall notify the C. C. in writing immediately, and always at the close of the illness or disability of any brother, he shall send to the C. C. a certificate stating the name of the brother, the name and nature, and probable cause of his illness or disability, and the length of time, in his opinion, the brother has been unable to attend his usual occupation.

#### ARTICLE XIV.

##### Refreshments.

No refreshments other than water shall be allowed in the Lodge room, or in any apartment thereto belonging, on the evening of the meetings.

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## ARTICLE XV.

**Amendment.**

These By-laws shall not be added to, altered, amended, or repealed, unless a written notice, specifying the proposed alteration, shall have been submitted and read, on at the least two regular meetings, previous to the time of action on the proposition: and the proposition shall be adopted only by a vote of two-thirds of the members present entitled to vote. All such propositions shall be read in open Lodge, and shall be subject to discussion at each regular meeting after offered, until finally disposed of; but shall not be subject to amendment, except by consent of the proposer, nor by such consent at the meeting at which final action is to be had on the proposition.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

**Vacancies.**

1.—All vacancies shall be filled in the manner of the original nomination and election.

**Membership.**

2.—Applications for membership, by reinstatement or deposit of withdrawal card, shall be made on the regular form of application as provided by the Lodge.

**Financial Statement.**

3.—The M. of F. shall, on the first meeting night of every Quarter, present to the Lodge a report showing the amount of dues, and also

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the gross amount of money received by the Lodge, during the preceding Quarter, and submit therewith a statement showing per cent of said dues, and per cent of said gross receipts.

**Widows' and Orphans' Fund.**

4.—The per cent of the dues shall be drawn from the Lodge funds, and deposited by the Trustees of the Lodge in the name and on behalf of the Widow & Orphans' Fund.

**General Invested Fund.**

5.—The per cent of the gross receipts shall, in like manner, be drawn and deposited in the name and on behalf of the General Invested Fund.

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